

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0091) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Social Media: Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.

Answer:

The department updated its existing social media policy in January 2012 and is in the process of updating guidelines for staff in the *DIAC Code of Conduct*, originally established in April 2010, to include the revisions made in *Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online?*

A copy of the department's social media policy is at [Attachment A](#).